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Library

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Your connection to the Wyndham Robertson Library

CLE OPENING PARTY

Come one, come all to celebrate the Center for Learning Excellence's first semester in the library! The past month has been a rousing success for both the library and the CLE. There is new energy in the library thanks to the tutors, their appointments, and the new classroom. For the CLE, moving to the library has increased their visibility on campus and allowed the tutors from the Writing Center and the QR Center to collaborate. Together, the library and the CLE are a one-stop shop for research, writing, and math assistance.

To celebrate the success of the new space, **we're having an Open House party on Wednesday, October 21st from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.** There will be door prizes, delicious cakes (yes, cakes plural), and the opportunity for everyone to hangout before we push through the second half of the semester. There will be a **ribbon cutting with the tutors at 4:30 pm**, so stop by for a party in the middle of the afternoon!

Questions? Contact Rebecca Seipp, Outreach Librarian, at seipprrl@hollins.edu.



FILM DATABASE TRIALS

The library is looking for a new film database and we invite you to explore the two databases we are trying out this month. We have a trial subscription to Films on Demand and Kanopy until the end of October. You can access each database by going to the library homepage, selecting "Course Guides", the "Database A-Z" button on the right, and then all our trial databases are listed in the column on the right.

Films On Demand

- Content ranges from the Humanities & Sciences to vocational titles, with collections spanning from Art & Architecture to Career & Job Search.
- Users can sign up for monthly email updates of new content in specific subject areas
- Notable producers include PBS, National Geographic, Ken Burns, and Broadway Digital Archive.

Kanopy Streaming Video

- Wide-ranging content includes curated selections on the homepage based on current events.
- Notable producers include The Teaching Company/ The Great Courses, First Run Features, and The Representation Project.
- Users can comment on videos to connect with users worldwide.

Please let us know what you think about these databases! Email your feedback to Rebecca Seipp, Outreach Librarian at seipprrl@hollins.edu. **Note that you can only access these two databases while on-campus.**

Library *news* continued...

HELP US IMPROVE OUR WEBSITE!

How do you use the library website? What do you like about it? What do you dislike about it? We want to know!

Our website is continually evolving as we provide new services and features. Help us improve the website by taking a short survey on the library homepage. Look for this logo at the bottom of the “Services” section to take the survey.



Questions?
Contact James Miller, IT Librarian at millerjc@hollins.edu.

FROM THE WRITING CENTER TUTORS...

After years languishing in an overcast Eastern clime, we, the CLE tutors, find ourselves repositied on much sunnier shores. The air is bright and resplendent with the scent of yellowing pages and highlighters of various hues. Helpful librarians flit about anticipating our every intellectual need and pleasure. And DVDs of every season of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* stand ready for our avid perusal, in the off chance that there is a respite from the tutoring.

I urge you, dear reader, to spit out your ramen noodles put down your remotes and Xbox controllers and make the long and difficult sojourn from your quarters to see such majesty with your own eyes. Bring your problems, both rhetorical and quantitative, and we shall strive to slay the academic demons that plague you together. (Sorry, too much Buffy perhaps.) Come see the new Center for Learning Excellence on the first floor of the library. Walk-ins are welcome, or make arrangements for an appointment at 362-6387 or online from your Moodle pages.

The Writing Center is part of the Center for Learning Excellence on the first floor of the library. Hours for the WC and QR Center are available on the library homepage under “Services”.

NYT GROUP PASS: HOW TO RENEW

Last fall we announced that current Hollins students, faculty, and staff have the opportunity to obtain a free online subscription to the *New York Times*. **This subscription must be renewed each calendar year.** To renew, simply go to the NYT Group Pass website while on campus and log-in to renew your account:

nytimes.com/grouppass

If you have not signed up for an account, follow the link and select “create account”. By creating an account you will have access to:

- The *New York Times* website’s extensive news and multimedia content
- Archival content from 1923-1980—download up to 5 articles per day!

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BEANBAGS!



Need a break? Come to the 3rd floor juvenile section to use our new beanbag chairs! With their soft comfort and just the right shade of blue, our beanbag chairs will make you feel like you’re reading in the clouds.

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